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Current quarentine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, May 5, 1897.]

BELGIUM.—By royal order of April 5, the sanitary police regulations against the importation of plague have been amended as follows, in accordance with the recommendations of the conference of Venice, held in March, 1897 :

Article 1. Entry and transportation of the following-named articles from countries or localities infected with plague are forbidden, by land routes as well as water ways.

(a) Body linen, old or used articles of clothing, and bedding that has been used, so far as these articles may be considered as merchandise.

(b) Rags. Bagging that has been in use, old carpets and embroideries that have been in use.

(c) Raw hides and green skins.

(d) Fresh animal refuse, claws, hoofs, hair, raw silk, and wool.

(e) Human hair.

This order, so far as it relates to raw wool, green skins, raw hides, and certain sorts of rags and carpets, may be suspended by ministerial order and repealed by special provisions relative to packing, disinfection, etc.

Article 2. The transportation of the susceptible articles named in article 1 shall take place under supervision of the customs officer if these articles have been so packed as to escape infection.

Article 3. Entry and transportation of articles named in article 1, but not coming from plague-infected countries or localities, may take place by permission of the customs officers under certification relative to their place of origin.

Article 4. Entry and transportation of said articles where they have been at infected ports en route, may take place, provided the authorities at the said ports can certify that they have not come in contact with polluting matter.

Article 4. Articles named in article 1 shall not be denied entry and transportation if the customs officers can certify that they left the infected port prior to the outbreak of the disease.

Article 5. The minister of agriculture and public works shall publicly specify the countries and districts against which these regulations are in force and shall fix the duration of their application.

Article 6. The measures of medical inspection, disinfection, and isolation prescribed for use in ports shall be in conformity with the recommendations of the Venice conference.

Article 7. The said minister shall also prescribe the measures for disinfection of baggage in conformity with the recommendations of the conference.

Article 8. The royal order of January 8 and all the measures of the sanitary commission of the Scheld, which are not in conformity with the recommendations of the conference, are hereby declared out of force.

PERSIA.—According to advices of March 17 the protective measures ordered for the South Persian littoral are extended to include bedding, clothing in use, mattresses, hides, rags, and cotton waste among infectious articles.

BRAZIL.*Sanitary reports from Rio.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, April 19, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended April 17, 1897 :

There were 15 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, an increase of 1; 12 from yellow fever, an increase of 11; 11 from *beriberi*, a decrease of 5; 8 from enteric fever, an increase of 4; 1 from measles, none in the foregoing week; 40 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 9; none from whooping cough, none in the foregoing week, and 298 from all causes, a decrease of 27. The health of the town and port continues excellent. Of the